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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 364–384, and S. Res. 55–56.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 56, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget. Page S2340

Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 13, 2003.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM-15)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Consuelo Maria Callahan, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Harry A. Haines, of Montana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:45 a.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 13, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2306.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

Privilege of the Floor:

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings in open and closed session, to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence; and Vice Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

COAST GUARD TRANSITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the challenges and role of the United States Coast Guard with respect to its transition to the Department of Homeland Security and the Maritime Homeland Security Strategy, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee met, discussed certain pending committee business, and recessed subject to the call of the Chair

INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals for economic growth and job creation, focusing on incentives for investment, after receiving testimony from former Senator Phil Gramm, UBS Warburg, New York, New York; Leon E. Panetta, California State University, Seaside,

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former Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court; Daniel Pearson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission; Charlotte A. Lane, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission; and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, Department of the Treasury, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

RECONSTRUCTION OF AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on the restoration and rebuilding of Afghanistan, including the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act (P.L. 107–327), receiving testimony from David T. Johnson, Coordinator for Afghanistan Assistance, Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Ishaq Shahryar, Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act;
- S. 314, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health;
- S. 239, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care;
- S. 286, to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998; and
- S. 313, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments: Subcommittee on Aging: Senators Bond (Chairman), Alexander, DeWine, Roberts, Ensign, Warner, Mikulski, Kennedy, Murray, Edwards, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Alexander (Chairman), Enzi, Bond, DeWine, Roberts, Sessions, Ensign, Graham (S.C.), Warner, Dodd, Harkin, Jeffords, Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Edwards, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training: Senators Enzi (Chairman), Alexander, Bond, Roberts, Sessions, Murray, Dodd, Harkin, and Jeffords.

Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services: Senators DeWine (Chairman), Enzi, Sessions, Ensign, Kennedy, Bingaman, and Reed.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Ross Owen Swimmer, of Oklahoma, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Nickles and Representative Carson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Richard Sangrey and Majel Russell, both of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Campbell and Allard; J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander; William H. Steele, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions; Thomas A. Varlan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senator Alexander; Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, who was introduced by Senator Allen; and Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Representative Cannon; after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.